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Your CX 58732. No information here which you do not hold. Our evaluation that build-up of enemy strength on China coast plus deterioration of internal situation Formosa considerably increases Communist capability for launching successful invasion. A major and possibly determining factor as to whether or not Communists would launch invasion of Taiwan is their estimate of possible United States reaction. Demonstrated presence of elements of Seventh Fleet in Formosa Strait and waters of Formosa, even for a short time, would be an effective demonstration of United States intentions and a deterrent to invasion.

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